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SUBJ: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF STOLEN SATELLITE MANUAL ON
FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY

1. AUGUST 24 HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIES A LONG, FRONT-PAGE
STORY CONCERNING THE THEFT OF A CIA SATELLITE MANUAL
"DESCRIBING WHAT IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE MOST
SECRET INTELLIGENCE SATELLITE (IDENTIFIED AS BIG BIRD
OR KH-11) BUILT BY THE US." WE ANTICIPATE THAT FRENCH
MAY USE THIS INCIDENT TO SUPPORT THEIR ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
OF AN INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY,
HERETOFORE OPPOSED BY US ON SECURITY GROUNDS
OF PROTECTING OUR SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE AS TO APPROPRIATE
RESPONSE TO SUCH GOF ARGUMENTATION.
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